



**EMBASSY OF THE
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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--April 1987

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. April marked the end of a several month lull in political activity in Abidjan's coverage area. Nicaraguan Foreign Minister D'Escoto toured the area and came away with agreements on new diplomatic ties with both Zaire and Ivory Coast, and Romanian President Ceausescu also visited several countries. Several regional conferences were held, the most important of which was a meeting of the OAU ad hoc committee looking into the Chad-Libyan conflict. The Libreville meeting eventually decided to send a ministerial delegation to Chad and Libya and to set up a cartographer group to examine the contested Aous Strip issue. Chad and all its neighbors with the exception of Libya attended the meeting.

2. Shuttle diplomacy involving Chad figured prominently during the month. Former GUNT leader Goukouni Oueddei traveled widely throughout the area and met with several heads of state amidst speculation on efforts at reconciliation with Chad President Habre and Neo-GUNT rival Acheikh ibn Oumar. While in Togo, he also met with Chad secretary of state for foreign affairs but nothing definitive emerged. Both Zaire's Mobutu and Mali's Traore made visits to Chad. Burkina Faso President Sankara, and later his foreign minister, made unannounced visits to Libya. Sankara also met unexpectedly with Ghana President Rawlings.

3. Sierra Leone ousted its vice president in a cabinet reshuffle, and Senegal dismissed most of its police force in a labor dispute. Major peaceful pro-Libyan rallies took place in Ghana and Burkina Faso to mark the anniversary of the U.S. bombing of Libya. Iran announced it was to open an embassy in Ghana.

B. Coverage

Coverage of events was somewhat complicated during the month by the loss of the bureau's AFP French landline from 9 April to 23 April due to technical. The bureau was able to monitor the AFP high frequency

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beam as a backstop and the Wire assumed coverage between AFP-HF sign off at 1900 GMT and bureau COB at 2230 GMT.

C. Technical

Two Victor VPCII computers, two Epson FX-85 printers, and BACH software and hardware were received on 7 April. The equipment has been installed and is currently being used off-line for training the teletypists.

II ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Senior monitor, [redacted] received a PSI during the month.

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2. The bureau chief returned from the Bureau Chiefs Conference and annual leave on 11 April.

B. Buildings and Grounds

1. With the exception of installation of various deadbolt locks and optical viewers at some residences and solid vehicular gates at all staff residences, the residential security enhancements, which were begun last fall, have been completed.

2. Junior editor [redacted] will move to a new residence in mid-June. The location of her present house was determined to be unsafe by the post regional security officer. The FBIS security officer also expressed concern about the location of Fleitman's house during his visit here last fall. The Embassy has been trying to avoid housing mission employees in residences adjacent to vacant lots because experience has shown that such houses are more prone to robbers.

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3. Auto burglar alarms for the bureau's three official vehicles have been received and tested. Barring major malfunctions, installation will be completed within 2 weeks.

III. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 27 April, the bureau chief briefed a visiting U.S. National Defense University delegation on FBIS/Abidjan activities.

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Bureau Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for April 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	230540
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	10680
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	661

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8037.00 min.	23700.00 min.	113.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	9380		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

BURKINA

Ouadougou Domestic Service in French	10190		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1090		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	1840		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			470
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			300
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	720		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD Njamena Domestic Service in French	20810		
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	1690		
CONGO Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	500		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		4200	
Paris AFP in French		39240	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			6620
GABON Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	8090		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA Accra International Service in English	1650		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra Domestic Service in English			
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English	20360		
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
			0
GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English			
London WEST AFRICA in English	9390		
			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French			
Conakry HOROYA in French	8570		
			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			
			0
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French			
Abidjan Television Service in French	4090		
	330		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			0
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			1960
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
			0
LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English			
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	0		
	7620		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	7360		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	2920		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	2850		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	2510		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	17750		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	4810		
Lagos NAN in English		3290	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	0		
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	5130		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
DAKAR PANA in english		3790	
Dakar PANA in French		5770	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE Freetown Domestic Service in English	0		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0
TOGO Lome International Service in French	0		
Lome Domestic Service in French	6370		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	0		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		8880	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0